

Testimony in Support of SB 1082
March 25, 2021

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Osten and Rep. Walker, Vice-Chairs Senator Hartley, Rep. Dathan and Rep. Nolan, and Ranking Members Senator Miner and Rep. France, and Distinguished Members of the Appropriations Committee,

My name is Bob Buck and I am a resident of Farmington, CT. I am a retired Connecticut teacher. I was a teacher in Hartford for thirty two years. Before that I taught in Asia and with the Peace Corps in Africa.

I am writing in SUPPORT OF SB 1082: **AN ACT CONCERNING A RETIRED TEACHER ADVISORY COUNCIL, THE MEMBERSHIP OF AND TERM LIMITS FOR THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD, A CAP ON CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL FEES PAID BY THE BOARD, AND MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTAL PLANS FOR RETIRED TEACHERS.**

I support the bill in it's entirety, but I will speak about three of the features.

I am in favor of the bill because it adds an Advisory Council which would benefit retired teachers and the Teachers' Retirement Board. It would lead to better communication between the retirees and the TRB, and transparency, which the Board needs.

The bill would add a retiree to the TRB. At the present time retirees are under represented on the Board. The ratio of active teachers to retired teachers has changes over the years. Retirees are under represented on the Board. The bill would add a retiree to the TRB to reflect that change.

Supplemental Plans are traditional Medicare. Keeping a Supplemental Plan is a key issue for many retirees. I am very thankful to have the Supplemental Plan. . There is NO ADDITIONAL COST to the STATE OF CONNECTICUT for the Supplemental Plan. Retired teachers who have the plan pay the cost difference.

Thank You, Robert Buck, 12 Walnut Farms Dr. Farmington, CT., 860 677 6403

